

THE JAWHEAD JOURNAL

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**Our next meeting is Monday
20 May starting at
1900 (7:00 PM)-fellowship earlier.**

**Steven's Restaurant
401 N. Riverside Dr.
NE corner Rt 21 and Washington St.
Gurnee, IL**

**Last Month's Mystery Marine was
Jim Sroka**



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Who is this Mystery Marine?

COMMANDANT'S COMMENTS

Today as I sit to start my article for the month I am very happy to say I am pleased with the way the meeting went this month. Not because of what we as the staff did, but because of all of you. We have been talking for a couple meetings now about how potential members have stated that in the past we were a "Stand-offish Bunch" in some of their eyes. They said they had attended meetings and no one spoke with them the entire evening. This month I quietly observed the atmosphere before the meeting and found that almost all of the members communicated with the new member that was there. Most all of you also communicated with the member that was there from Missouri that had not been here in a long while. This is what the "Best Damn Detachment in the Nation" is expected to do.

Prior to the meeting I had one of our life members call from Wisconsin and asked me if I had any idea if there was someone near him that could pick him up for the meeting. He has problems driving at night and probably would not be able to attend if he didn't get a ride. I connected him with a member that drove less than ½ mile from his house to get to the meeting. He then asked what kind of vehicle the man drove as he had trouble getting into and out of a lot of vehicles.

When I saw him at the meeting I asked him how his ride was. He said the car was easy to get in and out of and the driver was a joy to talk with. While on the way into the meeting the driver said that if the man needed a ride anytime to call him and let him know. He would be happy to pick him up. This is what makes us the detachment we want to be. It is hard to dislike us or talk bad about us with things like this happening.

I know summer is coming on and the days are getting longer but there will still be some people who could use a ride to the meetings from time to time. Be a good member and reach out to those people you think might need a hand here or there and we will be a better detachment for it. Sometimes people are afraid or too proud to ask for assistance. It is not a bad thing to ask for help. Sooner or later all of us will be at the point that we will need assistance. Some of us might require constant assistance in our daily activities. Let's hope that never happens to any of us but if it does, ask for that help. There are many of us that are ready and willing to help if called on.

I have tried to be a good-will ambassador for our detachment and I am constantly telling people I meet what a great unit we are. It hurts when you are talking to someone and they begin to tell you about the less than acceptable things they have noticed about your group. It is not easy to build a good reputation. It is a lot harder to re-build that good reputation after someone has had bad experiences with the group.

We are constantly trying to build up our membership. There is no better way to do that than making our unit known to the populace of the County. The more we get out and are seen by the people the better chance of getting someone to think they would like to be a part of our detachment.

We have a lot of things going on in the next few weeks. I hope all of you will make it a point to attend as many events as you can. I hope to see as many of you as possible in the next few weeks at our events. Until then be safe, healthy, and enjoy the summer.

S/F Jerry Pedrin (847) 687-6663

**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER
APRIL 2019**

April 2019 was a mile stone month for me; by the grace of God I turned 70 years old! Though mentally I feel no older than 20, my body has a way of reminding me otherwise.

I thank God for His Grace and Mercy for allowing the experiences that that have molded my life and shaped my character.

Our experiences are unique to each and every one of us; we are enriched by and through our interactions with each other!

We bring a unique set of experiences, ideas and believes to each situation we find ourselves in. As we interact with each other, we continue to learn, grow and change.

Our brains continue to develop, creating new pathways that keep us young! I heard someone say that age is a thing of the mind. Think "old" and you'll get old, think young and you'll be young.

Our bodies, like any machine, mechanical or biological, need continued attention, preventive maintenance and the occasional repair.

However, since they were marvelously designed by our Creator, given the proper care, they will last for a very long time!

Of course, longevity without purpose is of no use to anyone! Our experiences, good and bad, coupled with the knowledge we have gained, our relationship with our God, will hopefully allow us to gain **WISDOM**.

Wisdom goes beyond Knowledge, experience and age. It involves discernment and many other qualities that are hard to define in a few sentences.

It involves the whole of a person and more!

It's more than simply passing on knowledge, know how and believes to someone else.

At 70 years old I don't know what my Lord has in mind for the rest of my life. I can only report that so far it's been a great ride! The challenges are great, but also the rewards.

My wife has a sign in our yard that reads in part "THE BEST IS YET TO BE" It doesn't matter whether your 50,70, 90 or even over 100.

I can't wait.

DREAM BIG, LIVE BOLDLY

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Hank Landrau, Chaplain
Detachment 801

Jr. Vice Commandant's Comments on Membership

Hey Marines and Corpsmen!!!!

Pay Attention..this is IMPORTANT

We still have over 10 members who have not paid their dues for this year. There will be a list at the meeting check-in table showing everyone who has not paid their dues this year. If you see your name on that list, PLEASE PAY UP! You can pay your dues with a credit card. Ask the Sergeant-at-Arms. Everyone who is not a Life member MUST pay their dues by August 31st each year.

The easiest way to pay your dues is to either mail us a check for \$35 to:

Lake County Det 801 Marine Corps League
P.O. Box 7732, Gurnee IL 60031

or

Put your mouse cursor on the word DUES, click and use your credit card.

Hey You Out-of-Towners. Let Us Hear From You!

We're going to try something new with this section. We invite any of our out-of-town members to write us at the editor@lakecountmarines.com and share with us what's happening with their life away from Lake County. Here is a list of our out-of-town members. If I missed you, please let me know.

Brandon Arnold - Donna Poulin - Shawn Piccolo - Tony Poulin - Herb Spohr
Ken Torkelson - Richard Baker - Duane Dillard - Jeffery Jaeger
Erich Richey - Joseph Moskaly - Thomas Welch

NOW HEAR THIS!!!! WE'RE FUND RAISING!!

Ladies and Gents.

I want to thank all of you that helped with our fundraisers and Toys for Tots last year. The staff has been thinking that there were a lot of weekends we were out and fundraising. We looked for a way to shorten the time period of our activities. Here is the plan we are presenting.

We are planning on having two events every Saturday. One in the eastern part of the County and one in the Western part of the County. This will allow us to finish fundraising in half the time and still get all the stores we want. We are asking each of you to commit to one store each weekend and sign up for that location so we can be assured that we have enough people to man the location.

Below is a list of the locations we have scheduled so far. If you pick the closest one to your home each week this should take care of the situation for us. For example on May 4th. We will be at Jewel in Waukegan and Jewel in Grayslake. If you live west of the Grayslake Jewel it would be closer for you to sign up for there. The people living east of the toll way can sign up for Waukegan. This should give us plenty of people at each store. If there are questions feel free to call me.

Jerry Pedrin
Commandant 847-687-6663

Ok here we go. On May 4th we will be at Jewel on Lewis AVE, Waukegan
and Jewel 885E Belvidere RD, Grayslake

On May 5th we will be at 6509 Grand Hunt Club RD, Gurnee (only
1 location)

On May 11th we will be at 890 N Western AVE, Lake Forest
and 1600 Deer field RD, Highland Park

On May 18th we will be at 1350 RT12, Fox Lake (only 1 location)

On May 25th we will be at Jewel 922 N Green Bay ,Waukegan
and 900 E Rollins RD, Round Lake Beach

On June 1st Jewel in 1300 S Milwaukee AVE, Libertyville (only 1
location)

**WELCOME
ABOARD**



Marine Matthew Weglarz is an 0811 Artilleryman who joined the Corps in 1968 starting in San Diego. He spent time in Vietnam and Camp Pendleton. He left active duty as a Corporal in 1970.

He is married with children and grandchildren living in Bristol, WI. He is retired and likes to fish.

CAPTAIN JAMES A. LOVELL FHCC VISITS



VA HOSPITAL VISITATION TEAM

Hospital visits are going good. We would still like to get some new people out there with us. The visits are the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. So if anyone would like to come out, they can call me for more information at my home number (847) 599 9466 or my cell number (847) 212 5454.

Greg Cummings



COLOR & HONOR GUARD



4/12 - Pictures above and on the first page of our first outing at Wrigley Field. Mann, Pedrin, Butler, Pavlick and Mampe entertained on the field and in the stands

5/14 - Mission BBQ USMC Day for Armed Forces Week. Present Colors and 15 minutes later play Marines' Hymn. Tuesday at 1100.

5/18 - Mission BBQ Armed Forces Day. Present Colors and 15 minutes later play Marines' Hymn. Saturday at 1100

5/24 - Cubs vs. Reds. Friday, 1:20pm start, NBC- SC

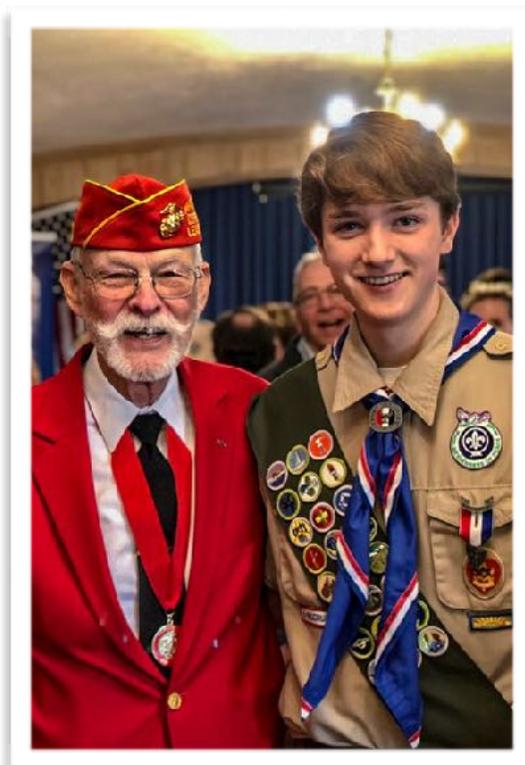
5/27 - We will fire a volley at the Lindenhurst War Memorial Ceremony at 1000.

5/29 - Det. 801 Memorial Day. Fosse Park, Pavilion #2 at 1100. We will present Colors, Fire a Volley, blow Taps and read the names of our deceased members. Come on out and join us!!!

Al Seyler (847) 220-1525



EAGLE SCOUTS



We continue to look for new members for our presentation team.

Here Are Our Future Presentations

- May 11 Samuel L. Roberts, Troop 198, 3:00 PM, St. Andrews Church 105 Lake St., Mundelein (Seyler)
- May 17 Charles H. Halberg, Troop 188, 7:00 PM, Antioch Township Center 1625 Deep Lake Rd, Lake Villa, (Seyler)
- May 18 Sebastian A. Ingino and Liam Tucker, Troop 194, 1:00 PM, Rondout School District 28593 N. Bradley Rd. Libertyville IL, (Butler)
- May 19 Paul F. Coleman III and Joseph James Coleman, Troop 323, 3 PM, Lake Villa VFW on Grand Ave. (Seyler)
- May 25 Connor Spoden, Troop 451, 12:30 PM, United Protestant Church of Grayslake 54 S. Whitney Grayslake. (Butler)

Through May we will have presented 77 Ka-Bars to local Eagle Scouts!

Lake County Detachment Marine Corps League Foundation, Inc

Officers

President-	Al Seyler
Treasurer-	Mel Ellingsen
Secretary-	Jerry Pedrin

Directors

Jim Sroka, Richard Butler, Ed Mampe, Warren Blacklock, Col. Jim Swab and Joe Wallace.

The Board of Directors met on March 27th at Saluto's restaurant in Gurnee. All were present with the exception of Joe Wallace who was recovering from rotator cuff surgery.

Finances are sound and we will conduct another "Boatload of Booze" raffle starting in January of 2020.

There are no requests for assistance at this time.

Next meeting will be at the end of July.

Purpose of the Foundation as a 501 3 (c) tax exempt organization is to provide comfort, support, financial assistance and educational aid to improve the quality of life for military personnel in all branches of the United States Armed Forces and veterans who have served and their families.

If you know or hear of any Veteran or Family that could use some assistance, contact us.

Al Seyler

President
847-220-1525

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801



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“SMED”

Hey!

Grab a beer and pull up a chair.

Let's visit a spell.

Something I have wanted to do for some time and just never seemed to get around to it....

Well it's time. Let's do it! Particularly for the new members, but maybe some of you long time (notice I didn't say old) members can benefit from this also.

I would like to list contact info and short job descriptions for the Detachment Officers, in the order in which they are elected starting with;

Commandant (elected) Gerry Pedrin (847/687-6663)

Responsible for all of the operating committees within the Detachment and appointing members to the non-elective positions. The Commandant is the Detachments' Chief Executive Officer and is in charge of conducting all Staff & Business Meetings.

Represents the Detachment at all social, civic & charitable functions & ceremonies.

Senior Vice Commandant (elected) Nada Sydow (904/994-5942)

Aid & assist the Commandant in administrating Detachment activities & affairs.

Responsible for all fund raising activities.

Takes command of Commandants' responsibilities during Commandants absence.

Design, implement & supervise the Detachment 'social' activities.

Junior Vice Commandant (elected) Chuck Butrim (224/406-2573)

Aid & assist the Commandant & Jr. Vice in administrating Detachment activities & affairs.

Responsible for membership & keeping the membership roster current.

Takes over the Senior Vice Commandants' duties when the Sr. Vice is absent.

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Judge Advocate (elected) Peter Karlovic (847/875-3668)
Detachment legal advisor & parliamentarian.
Advises, counsels & renders opinions on questions of law & procedure.
Handles all grievances.

Adjutant (elected) John Jezioro (847/807-0736)
Detachment recording & corresponding secretary.
Maintain true record minutes of all Detachment & Board of Trustee meetings in ink
in a record book.
Records all Detachment correspondence.
Prepares & files all Detachment required reports & returns.
Maintains the official Detachment By-laws.

Paymaster (elected) Ed Mampe (847/641-9689)
Acts as the Detachment Treasurer.
Responsible for all Detachment finances. Records all income & expenses in such
manner that an audit may be completed twice annually.
Pays the debts & expenses of the Detachment.
Records all dues information on a current basis.

The above is a members update for the Detachment elected officers. Next month
I will address the same information for the various appointed department
Chairmen.

With the Detachment annual elections only being several months away, you may
find this info timely.

Thank you for the visit!

Sent from "Smedley" (847/648-6859)
RMButler57@comcast.net



COME CELEBRATE

ARMED FORCES WEEK

MILITARY APPRECIATION DAYS
FREE SANDWICH for all active duty service members and veterans.
Thank You For Your Service.

ARMY.....	MON, 5/13
MARINE CORPS.....	TUE, 5/14
NAVY.....	WED, 5/15
AIR FORCE.....	THU, 5/16
COAST GUARD.....	FRI, 5/17

AN INVITATION FOR ALL ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY & VETERANS

LUNCH WITH THE HEROES......SAT, 5/18
Join us for a FREE SANDWICH and be sure to arrive before Noon for our live National Anthem. 11:00AM-2:00PM



Something old. Something new.
Something borrowed.

AND A TRUCKLOAD OF BBQ!

[ORDER HERE](#)

MISSION BBQ

Mission BBQ is located on the NE corner of Grand Avenue and Hunt Club Road in Gurnee. Obviously they sell BBQ and want everyone to visit their establishment and buy their products. Please keep in mind that this national company supports all Veterans and First Responders EVERY day by stopping everything at noon when they play the Star Spangled Banner, our National Anthem. They also honor us with events like those described above. Yes, come out and get your free sandwich; but also, patronize this place!

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MARINES

Our Honor Guard has performed at many funerals, standing casket guard, rendering a final salute, folding and presenting the flag, firing a volley and playing taps. We feel it is a Duty to send a Brother or Sister Marine off to "guard the streets of heaven" with full military Honors.

We are planning to hold an inaugural Memorial Service to remember and Honor those Marines that started and built Det. 801. Those Marines that nurtured and mentored many of us. To not forget those who have gone before us.

We will have a short Program and the striking of the Bell Ceremony followed by a Celebration with food and beverage.

(See following page)

We are inviting all of our Members and their spouses, relatives of our deceased Members, and any Veteran, Active Duty or Reserve Marine to join us in this Remembrance and Celebration. We want 100% attendance at this event.

We will need your help in making this event a success. Volunteers are needed for equipment set-up and take down, cooking, food service, "valet" parking for our disabled, clean-up and other tasks as they become identified.

Please let us know that you are attending. If you have not already signed up, please call Al Seyler, ASAP! We need to know who will be there and what dish you're bringing to pass.

We will keep you informed as we move forward in implementing our plans.

We can make this happen. We are MARINES !!!

Al Seyler

Program Chairman

847-220-1525

LAKE COUNTY DETACHMENT 801
of the MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
MEMORIAL



We will honor our Members, our Mentors, our Brothers, and those Marines who built Detachment 801, who are now “guarding the streets of Heaven”.

WHEN - Wednesday - May 29, 2019 - 11:00am

WHERE- Foss Park 1901 Foss Park Ave.
North Chicago Pavilion #2
(From Rt. 41 go east on Martin Luther King Dr. crossing Lewis, Rt. 137 and the tracks. Turn north on Main St. following it around to the east as it becomes Nimitz Ave. Turn north as it T's into Paul Jones St.)

PROGRAM- Presentation of Colors - Color Guard
Opening Remarks - Commandant Pedrin
Reading of Names with striking of Bell
Fire Rifle Volley- Honor Guard
Taps- Detachment Bugler

SOCIAL TIME- Hamburgers - Hot Dogs - Beverages
Spouses invited - Bring a Dish to Pass & a Chair

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How do I shop at AmazonSmile?

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.

Which products on AmazonSmile are eligible for charitable donations?

Tens of millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible for donations. You will see eligible products marked “Eligible for AmazonSmile donation” on their product detail pages. Recurring Subscribe-and-Save purchases and subscription renewals are not currently eligible.

Can I use my existing Amazon.com account on AmazonSmile?

Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.

How do I select a charitable organization to support when shopping on AmazonSmile?

On your first visit to AmazonSmile [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com), you need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. We will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) will result in a donation.

Related Military Links

Lake County Marines

US Department of Veterans Affairs

Lake County Veterans Assistance Commission

Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs

Marine Corps League Headquarters

Honor Flight Lake County

Illinois Marine

VFW Action Corps Weekly

American Legion

Sgt Grit